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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

from
AARA MEMBERS!

Christmas is upon us as I write my President's letter (Christmas Day). I am reminded of all the things we have to be thankful for. Among those blessing were a plentiful amount of rain that helps the farmers, crawfish farms and water fowl hunters. We had no hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico and only one tropical system.

As we approach the new year we should also reflect on some of our accomplishments. We had a great Ham Fest and Field Day with good weather and good turnouts for both events. Sandy KE5KJF and Larry KE5KJD rescued and raised two baby blue jays. We helped out the Boy Scouts and continued the good work at the Children's Museum of Acadiana. And we aided the runners during the Cajun Cup.

The New Year holds great promise. We have new officers to be elected and a Ham Fest to prepare. There perspective new hams waiting to be licensed. One of my friends told me yesterday that his son is interested in getting his license. Great news.

We are emerging from the deepest solar minimum in over a century. Increased sunspot activity holds the promise of better communication on the short wavelength HF bands. One of my favorite web sites is: **spaceweather.com** where you can get the latest sunspot numbers and some pretty amazing photographs. You can also browse the archives and read some remarkable stories.

Do you know what the "Local Fluff" is? Neither did I until I browsed the following link found on "spaceweather." http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2009/23dec_voyager.htm

I have a major accomplishment of my own. I was able to swat a pesky mosquito that has been bothering me the last two nights! At my age, you celebrate the minor victories, hi, hi, hi. I can't tell you how much pleasure that gives me. I will sleep well tonight... Ho, Ho, Ho.

Since according to my own count, I've been a good boy all year, I think Santa may bring me a new radio for Christmas. It will serve beside my ancient radio that was built during the last millennium. My task will be to learn to receive CW faster than they 5 wpm that I currently have. Since my hearing is going fast, CW and the digital modes are about all I can muster. It will take me until the next solar minimum to figure out all the settings.....

Best wishes to you and your family. It's a great time to be an Amateur Radio Operator!

73 de W4JHC
-John

JANUARY MEETING

Thursday, January 7th, 2010 @ 7:00 PM - Red Cross Building
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM



VP's Message

Well, another year gone by, seems like they are getting shorter as I get older. I hope everyone managed to have a good Christmas and start off a Happy New Year!

A few changes are starting off the new year for me. First, I will not be calling the AARA Monday Night Net on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette. Our new net control will be Grant Linscomb KF5CNU. I will present the ARRL 2010 Amateur Radio Handbook to the person with the most check-ins on the net for 2009 at the January meeting. I am sure the club will agree to present the new NCS a handbook for calling the net for the 2010 year.

Second, after being asked to come back by numerous persons, I have agreed to start calling the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net again. I have volunteered to start on Monday nights at 6:30 PM on 3925 KHz beginning January 4th. Why is it so hard to get volunteers to do anything now days, are they scared or just plain lazy?

For your New Year's Resolution, why don't you agree to take part in doing something for your club or amateur radio.

GET INVOLVED!

Herman KN5GRK
VP & Editor

DATES TO REMEMBER**REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday January 7th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Southeast LA Amateur Radio Club
(SELARC) Jan. 16th, 2010
AARA Hamfest, Rayne, LA
March 12th & 13th, 2010

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Albert E. Heine "Al" W5OVV - Silent Key

Al Heine W5OVV became a Silent Key at the age of 80 on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 6:45 PM. He was at the time a resident of St. Clare Manor nursing home in Baton Rouge for the last few years.

Al was a retired school teacher at a Catholic High School in Baton Rouge, a U. S. Army veteran and trustee of the W5OVV repeater in Rosedale, Louisiana where he used to call a Monday night net for many years.

Al was instrumental in getting numerous amateur radio operators on the air by instructional classes and being an "Elmer" when they needed help.

Richard "Buddy" Brown, Jr. N5BUD would go by the nursing home each week and give a report on Al on the Sunday morning "Post Office Net" at 7:00 AM on 3905 KHz.

I think all that knew Al will miss a great, wonderfully friendly person that he was. He was truly a asset to amateur radio. Our prayers go out to Al, his family and friends.

Interment was at the St. Joseph Abbey Cemetery, Covington, LA on Tuesday at 1:30 PM. Survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Lawrence and Sharon Braud; two nieces, Allyson Marxsen and Dr. Cheryl Braud-Perkowski; a nephew, Skipper Braud; a close friend, Lou Clouatre and spouse Verna; and adopted son, Pierre Aguillard.



Photo by Mel Simon—WD5CAE

AARA OFFICERS 2009-20010

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**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
OF ACADIANA**
"presents"
**"TALK TO SANTA via
HAM RADIO"**

On Saturday December 19, 2009, the Children's Museum of Acadiana and members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. manned the Ham Radio Station Exhibit between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM to allow the kids to talk to Santa via ham radio.

Santa's "all seeing, all knowing wonders" mystified the kids by identifying each one by what he/she looked like and what each one wore. He also asked what each wanted for Christmas but I think he already knew beforehand but just wanted to be sure he had it right.

The most interesting were a little boy and little girl that had just came from a "face painting" exhibit. Both had "red noses", Santa just had to call Rudolph to come and take a look at maybe some of his relatives. The kids were astonished that Santa & Rudolph could see them. You should have been there to see their faces light up! Santa also talked to other kids over the radio. Channel 10 had a news crew there to film part of the show.

Nick K5QXJ operated the radio, Roland had the laptop using Skype to do a video conference with Ed WA5TNK and Dags KE5CGN as Santa and Mrs. Clause. Herman KN5GRK was there for support.

Everyone had a good time. Until next year, 73.

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101 North Pat Street Scott, LA

DECEMBER 2009 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

MEETING:

This was our Annual Christmas meeting, everyone was asked to bring a covered dish of some sort. The club furnished turkey and roast pork & gravy. **Thanks to all who prepared the food...It was GREAT!**

The meeting was opened by the president John W4JHC.

The opening prayer was by the vice-president Herman KN5GRK. Herman asked club members for their prayers for the following:

a. Calise Barthe KB5RJY family & friends who recently became a Silent Key.

b. Harry Prejean AC5PG who recently was admitted to the hospital.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

There were 33 members and many wives in attendance.

There was no VE testing, due to this meeting being the club's annual Christmas Dinner.

Minutes: The September Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the December LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: Copies of the November treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breaux, N5YCS at:

n5ycs@w5ddl.org

OLD BUSINESS:

Calvin KD5JCT stated that the large generator had been repaired and just needed a new battery. He also stated that the small generator was being repaired.

Charlie KI5XP stated that there was no additional news on the 146.82 Mhz repeater status.

NEW BUSINESS:

Herman KN5GRK stated that Grant KF5CNU is taking over the 2M AARA Monday Night Net beginning the first of the new year as net control and Jim N5NVP will be calling the Acadia Parish ARES Net beginning November 7th, 2009. Calvin KD5JCT will be assist.

Herman also reminded everyone that club dues are now being taken for the year 2010. \$ 6.00 for students, \$ 10.00 for seniors and \$ 20.00 for others.

John W4JHC, Herman KN5GRK, et.al. mentioned that a nominating committee for club officers need to meet in January, an election is to be made in February, and the installation of club officers is in March.

A nominating committee of John W4JHC, Kathy KD5TJZ, Nick KE5MWX and Linda KE5HSY volunteered. They will meet, along with the officers, at a Board meeting, to be held at 5:00 P.M., before the January 7th meeting.

Paul K5VSH asked about the grand prize drawing for the year 2009. The drawing will be held after the 2010 Ham Fest.

Herman KN5GRK stated that the operator that checked into the AARA 2M Monday night net the most times during the 2009 year will receive an 2010 ARRL Radio Handbook at the January club meeting.

DOOR PRIZES:

The Club VP, Herman KN5GRK, gave out the following door prizes:

#1. Kathy KD5TJZ won an umbrella, a calculator, and a Christmas Ornament.

#2. Weston KB5WI won a bag of lemons, an umbrella, and a calculator.

#3. Calvin KD5JCT won a calculator and a bag of lemons.

#4. Charlie KI5XP won a bag of lemons.

#5. Erma KE5UPK won a bag of lemons.

#6. Archie W5AG won a Salvation Army clean-up kit.

The bags of lemons were donated by Paul K5VSH.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, K5VSH

Secretary, AARA



29th Annual HAMMOND HAMFEST

DATE: Saturday, January 16th, 2010.

TIME: 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM

PLACE: SLU University Center, 800 W. University Avenue, Hammond, LA - 1 & 3/4 miles east of I-55 Exit 32.

ADMISSION: FREE - FREE

TALK-IN: 147.000 (-600)(PL 107.2), 145.130- (PL 107.2) 444.250+ (PL 107.2)

Door Prizes Every Hour! Tickets \$5.00

MAIN PRIZES:

1st - Honda EU 2000i Generator

2nd - MFJ 259B Antenna Analyzer

3rd - MFJ 864 Wattmeter

VE SESSION: starting 10:00 AM fee: \$15.00. You must bring cash, photo ID, and copy of license or CSCE

FORUMS: 10:00 AM Section 1/8 Room 203B and 11:00 AM Section 6/7 Room 213B.

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Email: wb5net@arrl.net

Web: <http://www.selarc.org/selarchamfest.htm>

Free parking is available on the North Side of the University Center near the entrance (Section 4). Vehicles parked on the ramps for an extended period of time, or driving and parking on the grass, are subject to ticketing or towing by University Police.

SkyWarn Net Activated

A severe storm system passed through the Acadiana area on the morning of December 24, 2009. Ed Roy WA5TNK, Lafayette Parish EC, brought up a SkyWarn Net on the 145.370 repeater at 0800 hours.

During this event numerous F2 tornados hit in the Acadia Parish and surrounding areas doing severe damage to about 20 homes, leaving many people without shelter. One fatality was reported when a tree fell on a home, killing a sleeping man.

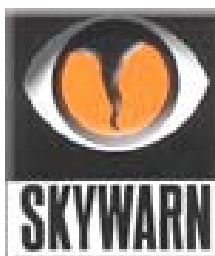
Eleven stations participated and seven weather/conditions reports were forwarded to the NWS LCH.

Those stations reporting into the net were: WA5TNK (NCS), KN5GRK, W5TJZ, W4JHC, KI5XP, KE5AWZ, WD5CAE, WA5ISZ, KF5CNU, KE5CKT and KE5CGN.

The net was secured at 0948 hours.

Many thanks go out to those who took time to make observations and report to the net.

Ed Roy - WA5TNK
Lafayette Parish EC.



The Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office submitted this picture of tornado damage this morning in the Atwood Acres subdivision near Crowley. (Submitted photo)



2010 BIRTHDAYS

1/05	ARCHIE	W5AG
1/9	JACK	KE5LAY
1/10	DAVID	N5EHH
1/20	PAUL	KE5IXR
1/20	STRATOS	KE5I
1/26	WAYNE	W5YNE
2/03	JIM	N5NVP
2/04	WESTON	KB5WI

Sorry, I left out Butch Hanks K5GLD's birthday for December 22, 2009.

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.



The 50th Acadiana Hamfest 2010 March 12 & 13, 2010

Coming soon - Mark your calendars!



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will sponsor its 50th Acadiana Hamfest 2010, at the Rayne Civic Center on March 12 & 13, 2010. The Friday Crawfish Boil will be held again on Friday, March 12th, due to the tremendous success of this event in previous years. You can check out our website for more info and updates at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

AARA NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Bryant - KE5DJA
Lee Nelson - KX5J

2010-2011 Election

The Nominating Committee for upcoming AARA officers will present their slate of officers at the January 2010 meeting. At the February meeting, nominations will be taken from the floor and elections will take place. Officers will be installed at the March meeting which will be following the AARA Hamfest in Rayne. Time is getting close.

Nomination Committee:

John Cuniff - W4JHC Chairperson
Nick Romero - KE5MWX
Linda Breau - KE5HSY
Kathy Daigle - KD5TJZ

January 2010 Special Events & Contests

Jan 9	NI6IW - USS Midway (CV-41) Museum Radio Room. USS Nautilus (SSN-571) Underway on Nuclear Power 1955. 14.230, 7.250, 7.070
Jan 9	North American QSO Party. CW only.
Jan 9 & 10	Midwinter Contest. Phone & CW. 80 thru 10 meters.
Jan 16	North American QSO Party. Phone only.
Jan 17	International United Teenager Contest. All bands. 80 thru 1.2 gig.
Jan 23 thru 25	ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes.
Jan 23 & 24	AL7LS - Release of movie "Hot Rods to Hell" January 1967. 14.105, 7.243, 7.105, 3.952.
Jan 29 thru 31	K2USA - Farewell to Fort Monmouth from the Fort Monmouth Mars Station (AA2USA). 14.260, 7.260, 3.860 CW+50, PSK 31+70

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the January 2010 issue of QST on pages 80 and 89.

Join the ARRL and reap in on the benefits of belonging to this World Wide Amateur Radio Organization.



December 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	38	1	74	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	66	1-listed	115	KN5GRK Herman
Acadiana ARES Net	5	29	1	55	N5LRZ Ray
Vermillion Parish ARES Net	3	24	1	63	KE5JXC Arnold
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 7/ G 7	0	19	KE5JKD Larry

Without hard work, nothing grows but weeds. - Gordon B. Hinckley

CALISE BARTHE, SR KB5RJY SILENT KEY

Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 for Calise John Barth, Sr., KB5RJY who passed away on December 2nd at the age of 64 at LSU HSC University Medical Center at 9:30 a.m. in Lafayette.

Calise was a resident of Lafayette and held a Advanced Class License.

I don't think he was active too much on HF but you could hear him often on the Lafayette repeaters.

The passing of one of our fellow ham radio operators is always sad news. Our prayers are with his family and friends.



Dues Time

It's that time of the year when you should think of renewing your AARA club membership for the 2010-2011 year. You can go to our club webpage at: <http://www.w5ddl.org> and click on "Membership Application" to download a Adobe Acrobat .pdf form.

Fill it all out and mail it in with your dues.

KE5UPK Receives New Appointment

Irma Bookter KE5UPK has been appointed the Legislative Action Assistant (LAA) for District 7 in the LA Section by Amy N5TBB, the Delta Division Legislative Action Program Chair. There are still a number of LAA vacancies as can be seen from the Delta Division website. If you are interested in the Legislative Action Program, contact Amy at:

amy@bullock.org

General License Classes

Beginning January 14th, the second Thursday of 2010, and each Thursday after (except AARA meeting night) the AARA will begin having General License Classes at 7:00 PM at the New Horizons Center at 4021 Ambassador Drive, Lafayette, LA across from Copeland's Restaurant.

At the time of this announcement, eight persons have signed up for the course. If you would like to put your name on the list, please contact Nick Pugh K5QXJ.

Some of our club members have expressed the desire to help with these classes and you will be informed on any new changes. This is a good time to upgrade and enjoy the fun of HF privileges.

Temporary Section Service Changes

Mike King W5PY, has asked to be temporary relieved of his duties as Assistant Section Manager under Gary Stratton K5GLS (Louisiana ARRL Section Manager). Mike has had some medical problems and needs some time to recuperate.

Carlos Ingram KB5YEG has volunteered to fill in for Mike by taking over as traffic manager. All net and PSHR reports along with any other reports that were normally sent to Mike will now go to Carlos until further notice.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK has volunteered to fill in for Mike by taking on the job on sending out a letter and ARRL application to all newly licensed Louisiana hams.

Gary Stratton K5GLS
Louisiana Section Manager
k5gls@arrl.org

Club Elections

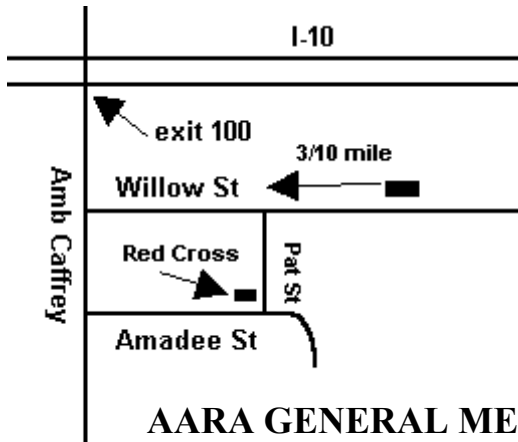
Know of anyone that you would like to see as an officer in the AARA? If so, talk to that person and if he/she is willing, present it to the Nominating Committee at the January meeting. February is our election meeting and new officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Rayne Hamfest.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !



AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday January 7th, 2010 - 7:00 PM
VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
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Caramelized Onion Smothered Sirloin Steak

(From: <http://www.naturalmomsrecipes.com/>)

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| 2 tablespoons butter, divided | 2 (6 ounce) beef sirloin steaks, boneless |
| 3 cups sweet onion, sliced thin | and 1 inch thick (preferably grass fed |
| 1 teaspoon sucanat | beef) |
| 3 tablespoons all natural beef broth | 1/4 teaspoon sea salt |

Instructions:

Place 1 tablespoon of butter into a large skillet and place over medium heat. Let the butter melt completely. Add the onions. Stir in the sugar and allow to cook 20 minutes or until caramelized being sure to stir often. Pour in the beef broth and add the thyme. Stir well to incorporate. Cook 3 minutes or until the beef broth is reduced. Sprinkle both sides of the steaks with the salt and pepper. Place the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter into another large skillet. Allow the butter to completely melt over medium heat. Add the steaks and cook 5 minutes. Turn and continue cooking 3 minutes for a medium rare steak. Adjust cooking times for rare or well done. Remove and place the onions over the steaks before serving.

Makes 2 servings.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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